

Introducing the HSG Senior Committee 2022/23

The school is proud to welcome the new student leadership team for 2022-23, led by two Head Students (Chandni Pahal and Rowan Lightfoot) and comprising four Deputy Head Students (Sumeed Saleem, Martha Currie, Olivia Smith and Beth Kernick) and eight committee chairs who will focus on leadership of four key aspects of student life at Heckmondwike Grammar School: House and Integration, Prom and Leavers' Memorabilia, Academic and Super-curricular, and Events and Community.



The application process was, as ever, incredibly competitive and rigorous, and all students represented themselves and the school with distinction. In the words of Peter Roberts, Headteacher and a member of the selection panel, "the field this year one of the strongest we have seen for many years and unquestionably every one of the shortlisted would have made an excellent Head Student."



The Committee is already making excellent progress in planning a series of exciting induction events for year 11 students entering the sixth form in September, and we look forward to the energy, imagination and commitment that they will undoubtedly bring to the sixth form and wider school in the coming months.



Congratulations to all.

COMMITTEE



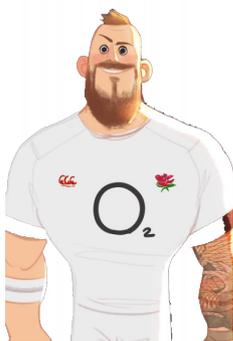
Sporting Star Of The Future



A massive congratulations and good luck to Year 12 A-level PE student Thomas Burrow who is travelling to South Africa in August to represent England Rugby Union U18 team for their summer tour. Thomas who also plays for Yorkshire academy RFU is part of a strong 26-man squad heading to South

Africa on 14th-29th August having successfully completed an intense selection process.

Thomas will be competing against strong opposition in South Africa, France & Argentina during his time there. We are extremely proud and delighted for Thomas and look forward to hearing of his success on his return in September. A definite sporting star of the future.



Good luck Thomas!

House Music 2022



It's been a very busy term for the Music department with the recent school production of Grease. With Covid on the rise again and with a two-day heatwave to contend with, there was the slight possibility of us needing to cancel House Music. Thankfully we managed to keep it going. Held in the Swann Hall this year, we heard two days of fantastic performances. From high quality instrumentals and vocals to tight ensemble performances and expressive musical theatre acts, it really was just as high a standard as always!



Each house filled the categories with lots of entries which is fantastic to see. By the end of day one, Clarke had a slight lead on the competition. However by lunchtime on day 2, Houldsworth pushed through with lots and lots of entries and in the end we finished with a tie. In Mr Cole's 24-year history, he has never witnessed a tie!



Our thanks go to our guest adjudicators. It is becoming a lovely tradition to ask our Y13 students to return to judge. This year Charlotte Gibson, Jess Hirst, Claudia Lai and Olivia Germaine joined us in the sweltering heat and did a great job choosing the top three performances in each category.



Well done to everyone who entered and made it such a successful, albeit, very, very hot competition.

House Music 2022 - Final Results

Joint	Clarke	104
Winners	Houldsworth	104
3 rd	Priestley	91
4 th	Bronte	78



House Round-Up

The final half term is always full-on but fun for House events. With two blue-ribbon events that hold double points, the scoreboard can often dramatically change in the last few weeks of the academic year.

Cross Country

We had a fantastic turn out in the house cross country after school up at Cawley fields with standard of distance running extremely high. The competition was split into Junior Girls and boys and Inters girls and boys. A massive congratulations to the following students who came first in their age categories:

Junior girls - Poppy Nuttman - Clarke
Junior Boys - Mahmood Saleh - Clarke
Inters Girls - Taveesha Vashishta - Priestley
Inters boys - Adam Pow - Priestley

The overall team results with team race points and Lees Cup points were:

Junior girls

1st Priestley - 45pts - 4pts
2nd Bronte - 36pts - 3pts
3rd Clarke - 30pts - 2pts
4th Houldsworth 15pts - 1pt

Junior boys

1st Priestley - 46pts - 4pts
2nd Bronte - 36pts - 3pts
3rd Clarke - 29pts - 2pts
4th Houldsworth - 24pts - 1pt

Inters girls

1st Priestley - 48pts - 4pts
2nd Clarke - 42pts - 3pts
3rd Bronte - 31pts - 2pts
4th Houldsworth 0pts - 0pts

Inters boys

1st Priestley - 46pts - 4pts
2nd Bronte - 43pts - 3pts
3rd Houldsworth - 31pts - 2pts
4th Clarke - 10pts - 1pt



House Round-Up continued

Sports Day

Sports Day is always such a fantastic event. In the past, we've had to contend with extreme heat however this year we were lucky with the clouds to protect the competitors. However, with you know what on the rise again, there was risk of teams being affected. However, in true HGS spirit, students stepped in; whether they were needed to throw the discus ("It's just a heavy frisbee" claimed one House Leader) or run the dreaded 1500m, it was great to see each event filled.

The team spirit witnessed was incredible with massive support for Tug of War finals and the relay races. Congratulations and well done to everyone who competed. House Leaders know the importance of having a competitor in each event and the difference it can make.

A big thank you to an array of staff who helped put Sports Day together, especially the PE staff and House Leaders.

The results were:

Sports Day Girls -

1st Priestley
2nd Clarke
3rd Bronte
4th Houldsworth

Sports Day Boys -

1st Priestley
2nd Bronte
3rd Houldsworth
4th Clarke

Well done to the following students for beating current record holders!

Girls records:

Y8 Girls 1500m - Sophie Hodgson - 4min 58secs
Y12 Girls 300m - Summer Haynes 49.96 seconds
Y12 Girls relay - Priestley - 1min.02 seconds
Y12 Girls Long jump - Abbie Scholfield 3metres .50cm
Y12 Girls shot - Harriet Haycock - 7metres .02cm

Boys records:

Y12 Boys - 800m - Jacob Pow 2mins.15secs
Y12 Boys Long jump - Joshua Pitchforth - 6 metres . 50cm
Year 12 Boys relay - Clarke House 52.79 seconds
Y9 Boys shot - Zeeshan Mahmood - 11 metres. 38cm
Year 12 Boys shot - Zack Clarke Speight - 10 metres. 57cm



House Round-Up continued

House Music

House Music always provides such amazing entertainment to finish the school year. With a slight change of venue, the 40-degree heat wasn't going to stop things going ahead! It was wonderful to hear students from Year 7 to Year 12 play and sing a variety of pieces as solo entries. It is also amazing to hear the small ensembles which our students put together themselves. Each entry gains a point, highlighting the importance of participating, and then the top three performances are awarded 5 points, 3 points and 2 points.

A big thank you to the Music department for putting together the event and continuing its success as a House event. More details found within the Heckler.

Results:

Joint 1st place - Houldsworth & Clarke - 8 points each

3rd place - Priestley - 4 points

4th place - Bronte - 2 points



Lees Cups

It has been another fantastic year for the House system, with an incredible amount of students taking part over 35 events and 282 students receiving their House Colour badge. The array of events allows students of all talents to have a go and support their house.

It is undeniable to say Priestley House have had a superb year; taking an early lead in the Lees Cup and managing to stay out-front until the end. It did leave the other Houses fighting for second place by the final few events of the year.

A huge, huge thank you to all the House staff for their support throughout the year. A special mention to Mr Mullaney and Mrs Brooksby as they leave to take on new roles in school they have stepped down as House leaders. We wish them luck in their new roles and excitingly welcome Mr Drake and Mrs Jarivs as the new Houldsworth House leaders. Mr Currie will also return as Clarke House leader next year too, he couldn't stay away!

The results for the Lees Cup 2021-22 are:

1st place - Priestley - 155 points

Joint 2nd - Clarke & Bronte - 123 points

4th place - Houldsworth - 113 points

Priestley



Subject Focus - Business

Year 9 Business Projects

At the end of Year 9, students have the opportunity to participate in Business projects where they get to apply their learning from throughout the past year.

This year classes are taking part in the cereal project. The students, working in groups, need to develop a new cereal aimed at a target market of their choice. In deciding this, the group need to carry out some research before creating a market map to spot a gap in the market. Once a gap is found, they need to decide who their target market is before creating a product that will meet their needs.

Each member of the group has to design the cereal box considering how best to appeal to their customers.

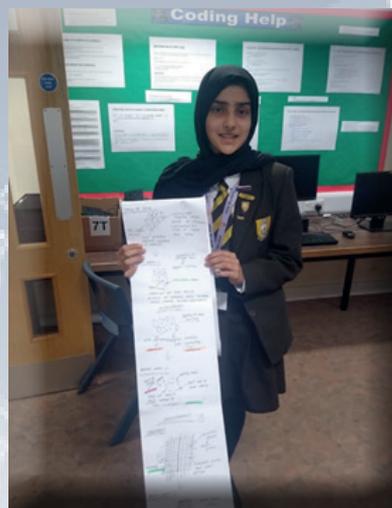
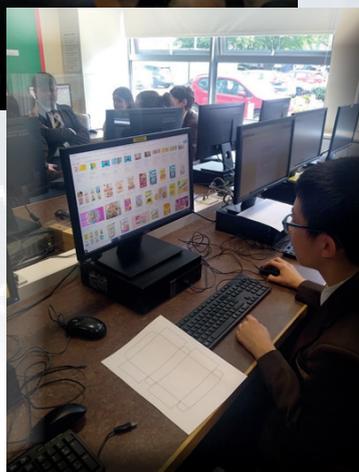
Once the products have been agreed and the cereal boxes created, the group have to develop the rest of the marketing mix in order to attract their customer. This includes considering the price they want to charge, where they are going to sell the new product and finally developing a promotional campaign aimed specifically at the target market. Students get the opportunity to demonstrate their creative flair by creating a slogan and a TV advert as well as any additional promotional material where they feel is appropriate.

The project is excellent at allowing students to discover how the theories they have learned about in Business work in practise. It also provides the opportunity for students to work in groups developing teamwork, communication, problem solving and presentation skills.

**Mohammed Mirza, Oliver Keaney,
Keira Burton , Owen Clayton, Orla
Denton and Joshua Buckley (not shown)**



Lewis Lau
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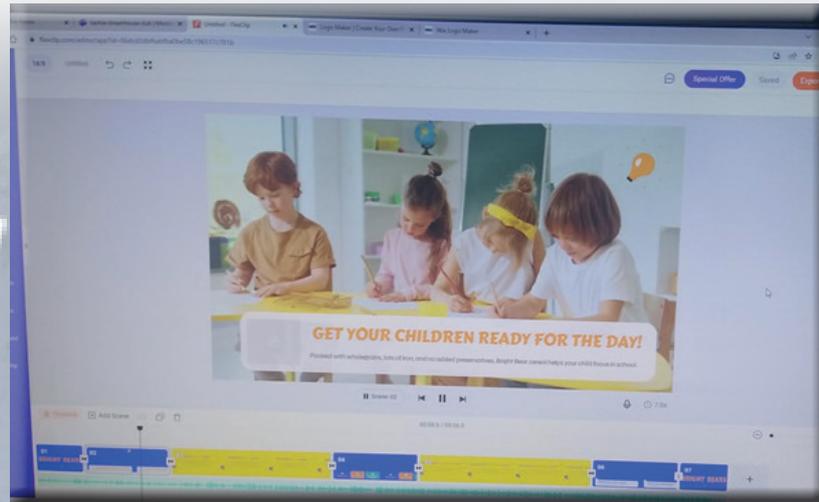


Zoeya Hamid
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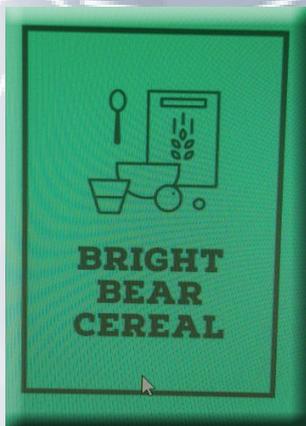


Examples of some of the cereal box designs. This includes a 3D printed breakfast box by Joshua Buckley

Subject Focus - Business continued



An example of a TV advert the students created



An example logo created by the teams



Owen Clayton and Oliver Keaney rehearse for their TV advert

Year 10

Year 10 students have had a busy time preparing for their end of year exams. Once the exams have been sat and marked, the teachers go through the papers with the students to identify areas of strength (usually knowledge) and areas of development (usually application and evaluation skills). This allows the students to continue to improve by creating opportunities for them to reach their potential

Well done Year 10 on working incredibly hard during this time!

Comment from Anish Srikanth 10C1-JDR

Ever since I started GCSE Business in Year 9, I found I was extremely passionate about it. GCSE Business is quite an interesting subject because it is not just for aspiring entrepreneurs, but also for those who simply just have an interest in how businesses of all kinds work. It teaches you what it really takes to be an entrepreneur and key ideas on how to run a business. It has provided a detailed insight on the way the world works, and covers topics such as interest rates, not only linked to businesses, but also for normal people like you and me, and how a changing economic climate could affect us.

Revising business was tough for me from the get-go, but with some advice from my teacher, I found that using online resources like Seneca and Tutor2U are great for recapping lessons, but to really test what you have learnt, past questions, especially ones with higher marks, are great for this.

Subject Focus - Business continued

Comment from Anish Srikanth 10C1-JDR continued

Recapping old knowledge and testing yourself can be hard, and it was difficult for me, but thanks to the advice from my teacher, I found revising much easier, and found myself able to recall topics much faster.

The only piece of advice I have is don't be scared to ask questions or for help. Sharing your thoughts or experiences is extremely useful because if you are going through it, it is likely others are too. Business can sometimes be a tough subject, but if you have the courage to ask for help from teachers, or even your friends, it will be a whole lot easier to crack.

Year 12



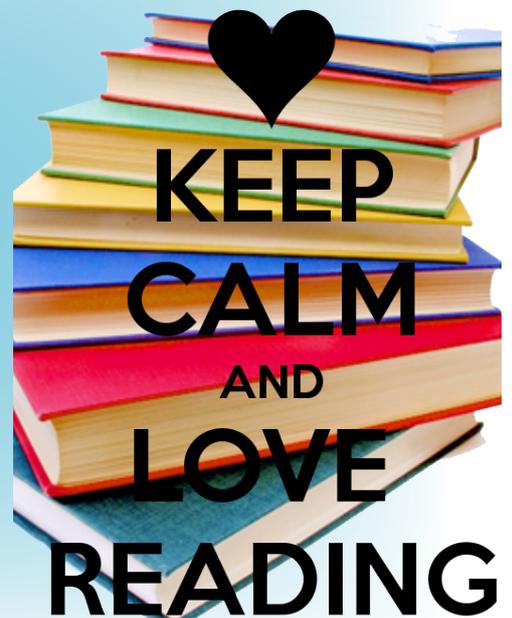
The Year 12 Business students start the Year 13 subject content in the final half term. The students start to explore business strategy. This includes understanding what strategy means and learning about a number of theories such as SWOT analysis, Ansoff's matrix, Porter's generic strategies and Bowman's strategic clock.

It is an exciting time for students who get the opportunity to see where businesses are able to implement strategy effectively as well as discuss businesses who fail because of poor strategic directions.

A Full Summer of Reading!

As the summer holidays are starting and students have more free time, it is a perfect opportunity to remember the numerous benefits of reading for pleasure:

1. Reading increases creativity and imagination.
2. Reading together creates strong family bonds.
3. Reading expands a young person's vocabulary.
4. Reading opens minds to new and diverse people, places and situations.
5. Reading is fun and helps young people relax after a stressful day.
6. Reading promotes and enhances critical thinking skills.
7. Reading teaches young people about the complex world we live in.
8. Reading promotes positive communication in families.
9. Reading helps build character.
10. There is a strong connection between a young person's reading skills and their academic success.



We strongly encourage all students (and indeed staff and parents as well!) to read as much as possible over the summer. If you would like some recommendations of books to read, here is a list of age-appropriate books compiled by the English department:

For students starting Year 8 in September:

Great Stories

- Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech
- Heartbeat – Sharon Creech
- Martyn Pig – Kevin Brooks
- Kissing the Rain – Kevin Brooks

Romance

- Feather Boy – Nicky Singer
- Star Girl - Jerry Spinelli
- What a Week to Fall in Love * – Rosie Rushton
- Back Home – Michelle Macgorian

Adventure

- Skeleton Key – Anthony Horowitz
- Tightrope – Gillian Cross
- The Lost Boys' Appreciation Society – Alan Gibbons

Fantasy

- Windsinger* – William Nicholson
- Mister Monday – Garth Nix
- Artemis Fowl* – Eoin Colfer
- Truckers* – Terry Pratchett

History

- Beware Princess Elizabeth – Caroline B Mayer
- Mary Bloody Mary – Caroline B Mayer
- Catherine Called Birdy – Karen Cushman
- King of Shadows – Susan Cooper

Victorian London

- Montmorency – Eleanor Updale
- Ruby in the Smoke* – Phillip Pullman
- Tiger in the Well – Phillip Pullman

Different Cultures and Time Periods

- Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah
- Across the Nightingale Floor* – Lian Hearn
- The Kite Rider – Geraldine McCoughrean
- The Red Ribbon - Lucy Adlington

* indicates a series



For students starting Year 9 in September:

Books about modern day issues

- Looking for JJ – Ann Cassidy
- Sisterland – Linda Newberry
- Junk – Melvin Burgess
- True Believer – Virginia Ewer Wolff

Adventure / Mystery

- Blood Fever / Silverfin – Charlie Higson
- The Woman in Black – Susan Hill
- The Alpha Force series – Chris Ryan
- Jimmy Coates, Killer – Joe Craig

Fantasy / Sci Fi

- Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeve
- The Midwich Cuckoos – John Wyndham.
- Sterkarm Handshake – Susan Price
- The Kin – Peter Dickinson

Different Cultures and time periods

- A Question of Courage – Marjorie Darke
- Montmorency – Eleanor Updale
- Witch Child – Celia Rees
- Back Home – Michelle Magorian

Classic Texts

- To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
- Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor

For students continuing GCSE in September:

Classics

- Catcher in the Rye – J. D Salinger
- Oliver Twist /Great Expectations – Charles Dickens
- Brighton Rock – Graham Greene
- Grapes of Wrath / Cannery Row – John Steinbeck

Horror

- Carrie / The Shining – Stephen King
- Interview with a Vampire – Anne Rice
- The Rats – James Herber
- Dracula – Bram Stoker



For students starting Year 9 in September continued

Sci Fi / dystopia

- Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy / Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency - Douglas Adams
- Jurassic Park - Michael Crichton
- I Robot - Isaac Asimov
- Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham

Detective Novels

- Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie
- Case Histories - Kate Atkinson
- Da Vinci Code - Dan Brown
- The Bone Bed - Patricia Cornwell

Adventure Stories

- Bravo Two Zero - Andy McNab
- The Beach - Alex Garland
- The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness
- The Day of the Jackal - Frederick Forsyth

Romance

- Watermelon - Marion Keyes
- My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult
- A Swift Pure Cry - Siobhan Dowd
- The Devil Wears Prada - Lauren Weisburger

Humour

- Fever Pitch - Nick Hornby
- The Wrong Boy - Willy Russell -
- Hitler, My Part in his Downfall - Spike Milligan
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Modern Classics

- Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou
- Life of Pi - Yann Martel
- Mister Creature - Chris Priestley

For adults, or students starting or continuing A-Level in September:

Atonement – Ian McEwan
The Sun Also Rises – Ernest Hemmingway
Tender is the Night - F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Last Tycoon – F. Scott Fitzgerald
Diamonds as big as the Ritz – F. Scott Fitzgerald
Persuasion – Jane Austen
The Rotters' Club – Jonathan Coe
Tess of the D'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy
A Room with A View – E.M. Forster
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - Tennessee Williams
The Glass Menagerie - Tennessee Williams
The Night of the Iguana – Tennessee Williams
Miss Julie – August Strindberg
The God of Small Things – Arundhati Roy
The Crucible – Arthur Miller
The Reluctant Fundamentalist - Mohsin Hamid
White Teeth - Zadie Smith
Heart of Darkness - Joseph Conrad
A Clockwork Orange - Anthony Burgess
Engleby - Sebastian Faulks
A Dry White Season - Andre Brink
Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe
Paradise Lost -John Milton
The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde
Their Eyes Were Watching God - Zora Neale Hurston
Song of Solomon - Toni Morrison
The Colour Purple - Alice Walker
Invisible Man - Ralph Ellison
The Poisonwood Bible - Barbara Kingsolver



Mensa

The High IQ Society

We wanted to share an achievement of year 8 student Sanaa Umarji (8P1. She recently decided she wanted to sit the Mensa exam and sat it few weeks ago. She received her results recent and we are pleased to announce that she has passed both the Mensa exams. She scored in the top 1% in one her exam (the Cattell III B Scale) giving her a IQ test of 161 and top 2% in the 2nd exam (Culture Fair Scale) with a score of 134.

School is so proud of what she has achieved. Her mum said "I have been humbled by her resilience after all she has been through this year. "

A huge well done Sanna from everyone at school





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Summer 2022 Geography Selfie Competition



The geography selfie is the act of using your phone to take a photo of yourself with an interesting geographical landscape or feature in the background!

Mr Whittaker -
Sydney Opera House,
Australia



The Selfie must have been taken during this 6 week break!



This Summer HGS Geography Department are running a Geography Selfie competition! We want you to send us your **BEST** geographical selfie from your Summer break! There will be a prize for each Year group but you can only enter **ONCE!**

Mr & Mrs Currie -
Lake District, UK



Mrs Bell - Gullfoss:



Wherever you travel this summer, whether abroad or in the UK see if you can find a stunning Geographical Selfie background!



To enter join the Team using the code **0h1s1cm** & upload your selfie along with your Name, Form (for Sept 2022) the date it was taken and the location.

Please also tweet all of your Geography selfies to [#heckgeog](https://twitter.com/heckgeog) [#geographyselfiecomp2022](https://twitter.com/geographyselfiecomp2022)

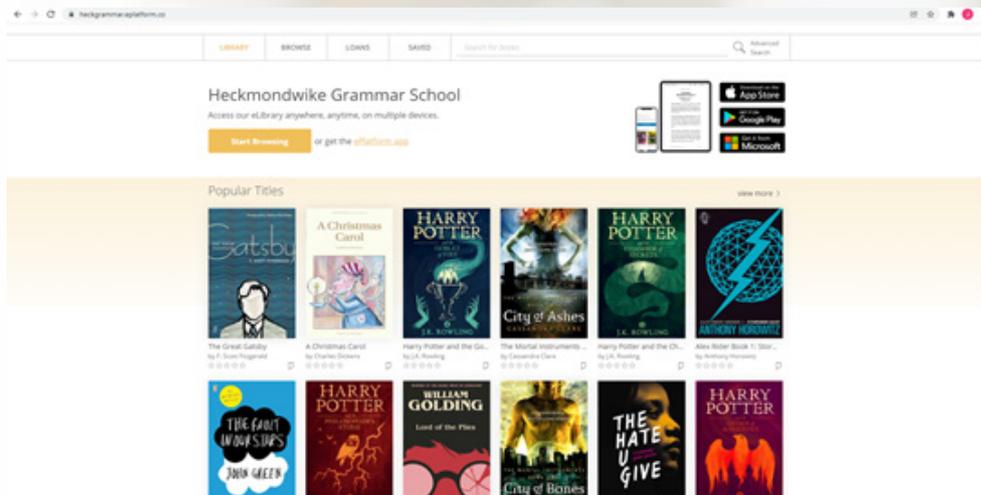
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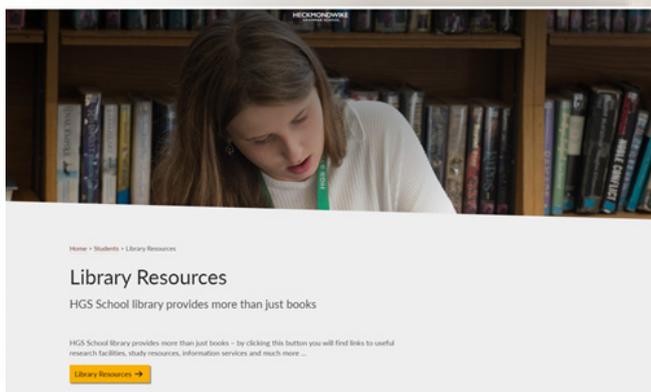


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Library Resource Webpage



Visit the Library Resources webpage to access lots of online materials to support GCSE and A-Level subjects. There are foreign language newspapers, subject specific magazines, The Financial Times, British Medical Journal and much

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/library-resources/>

Parent Notices

Monday 25 July - Friday 2 September
Summer Break

Monday 5 September
Staff Training Day - School Closed to students

Tuesday 6 September
Yr 7 & 12 Only to attend

Wednesday 7 September
School open as normal

Have a fab Summer
and we will see everyone
in September

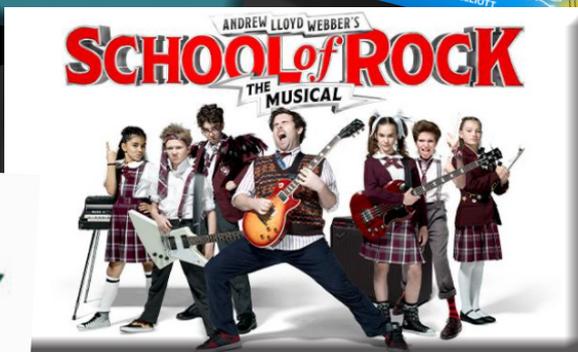
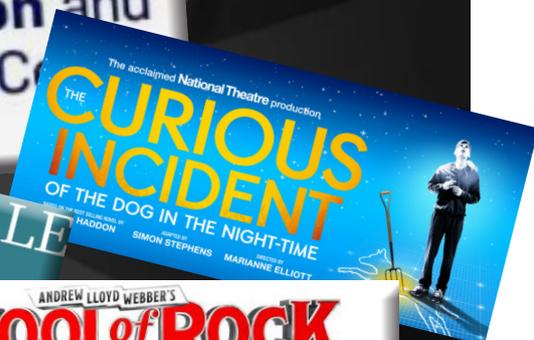
125 Years !!! and Still Going Strong -1898-2023



Did you know that Heckmondwike Grammar School will celebrate its 125th birthday in 2023? Members of the History Department and Sixth Form Students plan to lead a project on the history of the school. To help us in this research, we would like to know what members of the school community would like to learn about. Please complete this [form](#) and to offer your suggestions.

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trips



Keep an eye on this page as staff are busy preparing trips for the new school year 2022/2023

